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	Examiner Chat C. Do	Art Unit 2124	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 March 2002 and 01 July 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 March 2002 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the limitation “N being a divisor of (a*b)” in all the claims 1-6 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled “Replacement Sheet” in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Re claim 1, the limitation "output pseudo random signal having a bit width N (N being a divisor of $(a*b)$)" is unclear whether N would be any selectable width or N must be an integer and determined by an equation $\alpha = (a*b) / N$ in page 20 of specification wherein α is an input parameter. For examination purposes, the examiner considers the limitation N as any selectable width (integer) and smaller or equal to width of $(a*b)$.

Claims 2-6 have the same rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tezuka (U.S. 5,046,036).

Re claim 1, Tezuka discloses in Figures 1-2 a pseudo random signal producing circuit (Figure 1 and abstract) comprising: a first generator (1) for generating a first

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pseudo random signal (e.g. a_0 - a_6) having a bit width a (a being an integer not smaller than 1) (e.g. width is 7), a second generator (col. 2 lines 58-63) for generating a second pseudo random signal (e.g. G_{ij}) having a bit width b (b being an integer not smaller than 1 and different from a) (e.g. g_{jx} in col. 3 line 3), a matrix calculator (e.g. 4) for executing a matrix calculation (operation) (e.g. XOR a_i with g_{ji}) upon an (a, b) -type matrix with the first and the second pseudo random signals as a row and a column (Figure 2), respectively, to produce a calculation result signal having a bit width $(a*b)$ (e.g. output of 5 in Figure 1 when all the data are executed and col. 3 line 3); and a bit width adjusting circuit responsive to the calculation result signal having the bit width $(a*b)$ for producing an output pseudo random signal having a bit width N (N being a divisor of $(a*b)$) (e.g. W is the output width length = $I+1$ in col. 3 line 8).

Re claim 2, it has same limitations as cited in claim 1, thus same limitations in claim 2 are also rejected under the same rationale as cited above, wherein Tezuka further disclose an N -bit shift register responsive (e.g. latch in 5 of Figure 1) to the calculation result signal having the bit width $(a*b)$ for producing an output pseudo random signal having a bit width N (N being a divisor of $(a*b)$) (e.g. W is the output width length = $I+1$ in col. 3 line 8).

Re claim 3, it has similar limitations cited in claim 1. Thus, claim 3 is also rejected under the same rationale as cited in the rejection of rejected claim 1.

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Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 4-6 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- a. U.S. Patent No. 6,226,660 to Kim et al. disclose an efficient method of implementing random number generators.
- b. U.S. Patent No. 6,480,870 to Park discloses a random number generator using Lehmer algorithm.
- c. U.S. Patent No. 4,685,132 to Bishop et al. disclose a Bent sequence code generator.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chat C. Do whose telephone number is (571) 272-3721. The examiner can normally be reached on M => F from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chaki Kakali can be reached on (571) 272-3719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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